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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE PROPOSED HEW/PHS GRANT

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1. WE DO NOT CONCUR IN HOROWITZ RESEARCH PROJECT AS DESCRIBED IN REF B. ETHNIC POLITICS AND GOM EFFORTS TO "RESTRUCTURE SOCIETY" SO AS TO ELIMINATE DISPARITY BETWEEN MALAYS AND CHINESE IN ECONOMIC FIELD ARE MOST SENSITIVE ISSUES IN THIS COUNTRY. THESE ISSUES, FURTHERMORE, WILL BECOME ACCENTUATED AS MALAYSIA HOLDS GENERAL ELECTIONS IN NEXT FEW MONTHS. RECENT EXPULSION OF U.S. CITIZEN DR. SHIRLE GORDON, WHO WAS HEAD OF MALAYSIAN SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INTER ALIA FOR HER ACTIVITIES AND RESEARCH IN RACE RELATIONS AND POLITICS, UNDERLINES TOUCHINESS OF THIS AREA.

2. UNDER APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS, I.E. SPONSORSHIP BY GOM MINISTRY OF NATIONAL UNITY OR OTHER GOVT BODY, HOROWITZ RESEARCH PROJECT ON PURELY PRIVATE BASIS MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO MALAYSIANS, BUT U.S. GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP IS IN OUR VIEW UNDESIRABLE IN CONTEXT OF OUR BROADER INTERESTS HERE.
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